UPDATE: this project is expected to be completed by the end of December 2020.

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to proactively replace the existing water line identified by the city's Water Utility Division that has exceeded its useful life. This project is part of Tempe's ongoing asset management program and is intended to provide a water distribution system which provides reliable service to homes and businesses in the area.

Project Area:

The area for the new water line is on Alameda Drive from Mill Avenue on the west to College Avenue on the east. Construction will begin on the west with the work in the intersection of Mill Avenue and Alameda. The project is anticipated to be completed in 60 days.

The progression of the project:

- Potholing of streets to locate utilities
- Saw cutting of street / excavation of trench for new line
- Laying of new pipe / backfilling
- Digging of lateral connections to meters and replacement of fire hydrants and valves
- Flushing of pipes / disinfecting / testing
- Connecting new water line to individual meters
- Restoring concrete and disturbed landscaping
- Slurry coating of streets / restoring pavement markings

Impacts:

Interruption of water service

Prior to connecting to individual meters to the new line, mock shutdowns will be used to verify which services are impacted. These are quick shutdowns that last for about 10-15 minutes. Customers are not typically given advance notice of these mock shutdowns due to the short duration, but if your household has medical or other special needs for water, please contact Neighborhood Services and the construction team will work to accommodate you.

When connecting residences to the new line, water service must be shutdown, typically for 2 hours. Water customers will be notified prior to water service interruptions by **door hangers and by email** (WaterSmart users that have provided an email address, information below) **a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the shutdown**.

Traffic

Lane and parking restrictions will be necessary to perform the work in a manner that is safe for the construction crew and the public. Due to the median configuration, it may be necessary to close the street to two-way traffic for brief periods of time. It is essential that residents observe all posted restrictions so that the work can progress as quickly and efficiently as possible. Vehicles in the work zone are subject to towing; please help us by parking vehicles either in your driveway or outside of the identified work zone. We appreciate your patience and will strive to restrict access only when necessary.

Access to driveways

Access to driveways will be maintained throughout the construction period using metal plates to cover trenches where work is underway. Please plan for a little extra time and use caution around heavy equipment. It is best to always make eye contact with the equipment operator prior to proceeding into a work zone.

Work Hours

Work hours on the main line connection in Mill Avenue will typically be from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Alameda Drive. When connecting the new water line to individual residences' meters, the work will take place after 8:30 a.m.

Communication:

- Postcards: Neighborhood Services will mail out updates with important information as needed. Please be on the lookout for these resident communications in your mailbox.
- Door hangers: The city's contractor will be placing door hangers 48 hours before water is shut off.
- Email via WaterSmart: To receive email notifications please visit tempe.gov/WaterSmart and sign up! All you need is your water bill account number and zip code. Not only will this allow the City to send you email notifications about water interruptions, it will allow you to view your water usage, pay your bill, and set up leak alerts if you so choose.

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We understand this is an inconvenience and ask for your patience with this important infrastructure improvement project.